

LOCAL NEWS.

The First National Bank of Onancock has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, clear of taxes, for the six months ending December 31, 1897.

Mr. G. W. G. Wells has bought the lot of Capt. S. A. Lewis on Lilliston avenue in our town and will build a handsome residence on same during this year.

The stockholders of the Peninsula Fair Association will meet at Accomack C. H., Tuesday, January, 11th, at 2 o'clock p.m. Others who may be interested are cordially invited to attend.

Ministers of the Gospel in Virginia are not authorized to marry until they first qualify in some county of the State. Then they can perform the marriage ceremony anywhere in the State.

At the county court day 1897 was a breaker with our county clerk. He had fourteen marriage licenses issued, the greatest number that has ever been issued on any one day in our clerk's office.

A dwelling of Mr. Alfred J. Lillis on his "Hyslop Farm" in Scarborough Neck was destroyed by fire last week. It was accidental and caught from a spark on roof of same. Loss about \$600 and no insurance.

The local option cases tried at the December term of the County Court, on appeal from the judgment of the Justice of the Peace resulted in verdicts by the jury sustaining the Justice. The fines of \$100 on each case were promptly paid.

Judge Gunter, who has been in Baltimore for several weeks for treatment, is very much improved in health and his physicians not only say that he is "surely improving," but "assure" his family that he will in their opinion be "entirely well" in a short time.

Mrs. Dr. Charles L. Harmanson, of Onancock, has just received from W. Atlee Burpee & Co., the famous farm and garden seed firm of Philadelphia, a prize for having written the best description of the Pink Pet poppy, raised by her from seed furnished by this house.

Hon. J. W. G. Blackstone took the oath of office as judge of Accomack county court for the term beginning January 1st, 1897, before M. Oldham Jr., clerk of said court, on the 30th day of December 1897, and the qualification was recorded in the proceedings of said court on the 31st day of December 1897.

Special attention is invited to following new advertisements in this issue: U. Q. Sturgis, card, attorney at law; L. E. P. Dennis & Son, Monumental Chemical Co., fertilizers; Salisbury Shirt Co.; G. S. Reid & Co., Strawberry plants; W. S. Dickinson & Son, merchandise; Thos. C. Keilani, dealer in carriages, paints &c.

Edward H. Couquest, trustee, will sell at public auction on Wednesday, January, 26th, 2 p. m., at Mappsville the very valuable farm of Walter E. Morris and wife, situated near Mappsville, containing 300 acres more or less and known as the "Red Bank Farm," it being the same which formerly belonged to Capt. William H. Green. For full particulars see posters.

The little daughter of Mr. Samuel T. Waples collected the most money on the doll offered by the ladies of the Parkley Baptist Church and secured the prize. Another big sum was also collected by the little daughter of Mr. Jno. D. Johnson and she was awarded a doll also. The former collected a sum over sixty and the latter over fifty dollars.

On the first day of the January term of the county court, Judge Blackstone will appoint a Justice of the Peace for Pungoteague district to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas G. Elliott. On the same day he will also appoint a County Surveyor to fill out the unexpired term of the late Hon. D. Frank White. Applicants for these positions should send in their names, recommendations, or petitions to the Judge on or before that date.

At a meeting of the Eastern Shore Game Association, at Accomack C. H., on court-day, the old officers were re-elected, viz: Dr. John W. Bowdoin, president; Robert L. Ailworth, vice-president; T. W. Blackstone, secretary and treasurer. The directors of same are O. M. Jones, Henry E. Byrd, Frank S. Smith, Otto F. Mears and Thos. B. Smith. A resolution was adopted to appropriate \$50 for the purpose of buying some wild turkeys with which to stock the forests of the Eastern Shore.

Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, at the request of the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg, has appointed delegates to represent this county in a convention to be held in that city on the 21st inst., for the purpose of an exchange of views of practical farmers relative to the culture of sugar beets. He was requested to appoint six delegates, at least one from each magisterial district. In conformity with this request he has appointed the following gentlemen: Kendall J. Bunting, Chincoteague; Levin T. Parker, Atlantic; Albert J. Rew, Metompkin; Wesley J. Watkinson, Lee; Sidney J. Hopkins, Lee; Levin J. Hyslop, Pungoteague.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Onancock.

Mr. Cullen, of Delaware, made our town a social visit during the holidays.

Miss Tracy and Miss Kelly, of Chincoteague, spent their holidays here.

Mr. S. Upshur Hopkins, of Philadelphia, on Pa. R. R., was here last week.

Mr. Alfred Littlefield, of N. Y., was here recently, the guest of Mr. S. K. Powell.

Miss Mamie White, of Baltimore, was the guest of the Misses Ponson recently.

It is said that a professional detective has been about here looking for something.

Mr. U. B. Quinby has been out recently. All were glad to see him so much improved.

Miss Whitley, of Maryland, has been the guest of Mr. J. H. Gunter for several days.

Mr. George Elmer, Jr., from Belle Haven, has moved to the new house on King St. and taken a room.

Rev. W. T. Sturges, of Portsmouth, and family, recently, on King St., visited his father.

Mrs. Samuel Hill, of White, near M. D. C., visited her parents last week.

Mrs. Wm. F. Hill, of White, and daughter, Tibbie, of M. D. C., were in town recently.

Mr. Wm. E. B. Hill, of White, was in town recently, on the residence on N. D. C.

Miss George Layton, of White, is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Gunter.

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Chincoteague.

Robert Keas and family, of Bishopville, Md., made Chincoteague their home this week.

The order of Golden Chain will give an elaborate banquet at the town hall Monday night, 17th inst.

Mrs. Vest, of Claville and husband received as Xmas present from her brother, Mr. D. J. Whelan, of Philadelphia, a check for five hundred dollars.

Mrs. Amy Porter, widow of Capt. George K. Porter, has received from the Knights of Honor, the sum of \$2,000 in payment of a policy of the deceased in that order, for her benefit.

Capt. John W. Bunting has taken his steamer Abasco to Philadelphia for repairs. He will spend several thousand dollars in improvements on her and his fish factory and will open up his business on a much larger scale than ever before.

Arrivals at Atlantic hotel this week: Charles R. Ward, L. Role, Dr. D. L. Dunott, Baltimore; R. F. Powell, Philadelphia; Henry W. Corkran, Price Sinclair, Henry Pratt, Oxford, Md.; Samuel Market, Crisfield; L. T. Quillen, R. B. Adams, Berlin; Pocomoke City Brass Band, 10 members; G. F. Kelley, W. T. Gladding, Accomack.

Christmas passed off pleasantly with us and everybody seemed to have enough cash to meet their wants and some to spare. The churches had entertainments and treats for the children, the boys' usual shot off their guns and fireworks, and some, skating and other amusements were participated in and enjoyed by all. Since the new year came in all have given up their sports and gone to work.

The Red Men, nearly 200 strong, had a parade on horse-back the last day of the year headed by the Pocomoke City brass band, and on New Year's day the Junior Order of American Mechanics numbering nearly 100 turned out horseback and in vehicles, led by a string band. The parade of each lasted from 1 to 4 p. m., and was along all of the principal streets of the Island. The Red Men were addressed by Rev. G. P. Hill, Cherry Hill Md., at the Union Baptist church at night.

Mr. J. J. Bull occupied the Only hotel January, 1st.

Rumor has it that one of our ladies will be married soon.

A ripe watermelon was cut by Mr. M. W. Bull last Sunday.

Mr. James S. Turner is critically ill at his home near Only.

Mrs. Sadie Hill re-opened her private school on the 3rd inst.

Master Jno. S. McMath left for Randolph Macon Academy last Monday.

The mill of Capt. E. B. Waples is being overhauled and repaired this week.

Mr. J. Fred Hill, of Brunswick Co., Va., spent part of the Christmas at Onley.

The building of the storehouse of Messrs Ames has been postponed until the spring.

The first message was sent over the new telephone line, connecting Only and Locustville, last Tuesday.

Mr. Taylor, of Middletown, Del., is putting up the wires connecting this place with other points this week.

Miss Rennie M. Savage entertained a host of her lady friends at her home near this place during Xmas.

Messrs. J. H. Hutchinson and W. B. Stevenson will open here soon a blacksmith shop in connection with their wheelwright shop.

The following visited Baltimore from this place during Xmas: L. J. Savage and two sons, W. B. Stevenson, wife and son J. J. Bailey, T. J. Scarborough, Edgar and Roy Broughton.

Messrs. E. A. Ames and Robert Parks while speeding their horse on Tuesday were thrown from their buggy and badly shaken up by the breaking of a king bolt, but not seriously hurt.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are observing the week of prayer.

Mr. Healy P. B. Rue and Miss Fannie Humphreys were married in Baltimore December 29th.

Misses Sadie and Kitty Stewart gave a very enjoyable social to their friends on last Friday evening.

The Misses Walkley, of Lee St., entertained a number of their friends very pleasantly on the evening of the 28th.

Mr. Augustus Stewart, of Baltimore, returned home on Monday after spending the holidays with his parents on Lee St.

Miss Leila A. Smith died in Baltimore on December 29th, after a short illness of pneumonia. Her remains were brought down by steamer Eastern Shore on Thursday following and interred in the Smith burying ground near Coal Kiln. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, aged 18 years.

173 capes, cloaks and jackets, to be slaughtered at our store next Tuesday and Wednesday, January, 11th and 12th. Every lady who wants one must be sure to come at that time as same only lasts 2 days. Bottom knocked out of the prices by Ames, Shield & Co.

Our line of oak suits with large shaped French glass nicely carved surpasses anything yet. Prices especially low.

Belle Haven Furniture Co.

Washington.

State Senator LeCato returned to Richmond on Monday last.

The smooth current of holiday enjoyment in our town during Christmas week was considerably disturbed by mad dog excitement.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Heath returned home last week from a visit to their son at Ashland. They stopped over awhile in Richmond on their way home and took in the charms of the Capital City.

Misses Sadie Harmon, Clara Hume and Lula Wicks, pupils of Blackstone Female College, spent their holidays at their respective homes and left for school on Monday last.

The recitations, character sketches etc., given here by Rev. Mr. McGehee during the Christmas week were highly appreciated and enjoyed by a large audience of our people. Mr. McGehee is an eloquentist of high order and has already won considerable reputation in the State.

Mrs. Margaret Hartman, who died at Hallwood, on Friday, December 24th, was brought to this place for interment. Her death due to chronic heart disease, can suddenly while she was engaged in her usual household duties at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Levin Richardson. The sad train of affliction that has followed the family has left a touching path to this death. Some years ago Mrs. Hartman's husband fell overboard from a schooner in which he was sailing and was drowned. On a few weeks since one of her sons, Mr. Lance Hartman, while returning from an oystering trip down the bay fell overboard and was drowned in sight of his home, his body not yet having been recovered. Mrs. Hartman was a fine Christian woman, of gentle, amiable manners, and had many warm friends. Four sons survive her and one daughter. The last is the wife of Capt. Levin Richardson formerly of this place, but now residing in Hallwood.

Mr. Andrew J. Young has moved from this place to a farm near Nelsonia.

Rev. Mr. Givan, of Parkley, preached for the people of Zion last Sunday in the absence of their pastor. His sermon was enjoyed by all who heard him.

Mr. Geo. W. Core, while on his way to Parkley, Thursday, of last week, had his pocket book containing \$7.00 stolen from a satchel in the hind part of his carriage.

The storehouse of E. P. Byrd & Bro., was entered in some mysterious way on Friday night, of last week, and money drawer robbed of all the cash there was in it the exact amount of which is not known.

A knife was left on the counter, the owner of which is well known, and the best thing he can do is to try to make amends in some way or other.

Deaths.

Hon. D. Frank White died after a lingering illness at his home at Parkley, on Friday, December 31st, 1897, and on the following day after funeral services, conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. M. Sanford, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, was laid to rest in the family burying ground at that place. He was at the time of his death only 47 years old and passed away therefore in the prime of life—highly esteemed by the people of the county generally and with the affectionate regard of all who knew him well. We voice the sentiment of the people of Accomack in saying that the county loses in him one of its most useful citizens. As a member of the Legislature he was active and vigilant and served not only his country, but his State well. As County Surveyor he was painstaking, careful and accurate. As a citizen he was always alive to the best interests of his country and never faltered in what he believed to be right and his duty to her. As superintendent of the Sunday school, there is but one sentiment, that his place cannot be easily filled. The Editor of this paper thought him when he was a boy, has known him intimately ever since, and can testify to his high character throughout life. No one valued his friendship higher or can sympathize more with his family in their great affliction.

Mrs. Lillie D. Smith, wife of C. S. Smith and daughter of L. C. and Mary J. Moore, died at her home at Jenkins Bridge, Tuesday, December 28th, 1897, aged 24 years. Her husband and one child survives her. She was a consistent member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and was highly esteemed in the community in which she lived.

Miss Mary Custis, a very estimable lady, daughter of the late Thomas Custis of this county, died in Philadelphia last Sunday, aged 50 years. Her remains were brought home on Tuesday morning and interred in the family burying ground near Cashville.

Church Notes.

The members of Beulah Baptist church and friends made Rev. Geo. W. Kirafoe, pastor, a fine pound party on the 24th, for which the pastor takes this public method of expressing gratitude. A meeting of interest is also in progress at same church. Four have professed faith in Christ thus far, and one received by baptism.

Geo. W. Kirafoe.

Chincoteague, Va., Dec. 31, 1897.

The Rev. H. S. Dulaney desires to give notice that, the preaching service in the M. E. Church at Onancock, will begin at eleven o'clock a. m., class meeting preceding public service, and the Sunday school as before 9:30 a. m., Epworth League service 7 p. m. and preaching 7:30 p. m. Public invited. Subject next Sunday "The Unpardonable Sin."

Married.

Ross-Nock—January 5, 1898, at New Church, by Rev. A. J. Walter, Miss Annie Ross to James T. Nock.

CROCKETT-WALTER—December 28, 1897, at Tangier, by Rev. C. P. Swain, Miss Maggie Walter to Luther Crockett.

TAYLOR-BUNDICK—December, 29, 1897, at Bloxom, by Rev. John R. Gill, Miss Maggie F. Bundick to Charles T. Taylor.

BUNDICK-NEVILLE—December, 29, 1897, at Onancock, by Rev. W. R. Crowder, George T. Bundick to Miss Lora E. Neville.

HICKMAN-MASON—December, 29, 1897, near Onancock, by Rev. W. R. Crowder, Robert T. Hickman to Miss George M. Mason.

SHRIEVES-THORNES—December, 29, 1897, at Leemont, by Rev. Avery Donovan, Miss Gracie S. Thornes to William R. Shrieves.

DISE-THOMAS—December, 29, 1897, at Tangier, by Rev. C. P. Swain, Miss Adney Thomas to Travis Dise.

CROCKETT-SHORES—December, 29, 1897, at Tangier, by Rev. C. P. Swain, Miss Elizabeth Shores to Charles H. Crockett.

TURLINGTON-BIRCH—December 29, 1897, at Chincoteague, by Rev. G. W. Kirafoe, Miss Sarah M. Birch to David Turlington.

MARSHALL-TAYLOR—December, 30, 1897, at Bloxom, by Rev. Jno. R. Gill, Miss Sallie F. Taylor to John M. Marshall.

TOWNSEND-KILLEY—December 29, at Horntown, by Rev. Walter Rhodes, Miss Rosa H. Kelley to William W. Townsend.

FISHER-SHIRDS—December, 23d, 1897, at Atlantic, by Rev. Walter Rhodes, Miss Lydia L. Shields to William J. Fisher.

MATTHEWS-TAYLOR—December 22, 1897, at Atlantic, by Rev. Walter Rhodes, Miss Robbie E. Taylor to Charles F. Matthews.

MARSHALL-BULL—December, 29th, 1897, near Temperanceville, by Rev. E. F. Garner, Miss Dulaney Bull to Jno. T. Marshall.

CHESSER-FLETCHER—December, 30, 1897, near Temperanceville, by Rev. E. F. Garner, Miss Minnie Fletcher to Robert Chesser.

TAYLOR-BYRD—December, 29th, 1897, at Downing's M. E. Church South, by Rev. Geo. W. Matthews, Miss Lillian O. Byrd to Jeremiah Taylor Jr.

TURNER-BENNETT—December, 29, 1897, at Harborton by Pastor J. M. Dunnaway, Miss Elizabeth Bennett to Otto S. Turner.

BONNELL-MASON—December, 30, 1897, at Accomack C. H., by Pastor J. M. Dunnaway, Miss Marion Lee Mason to William Samuel Bonnell.

WESSLES-SAVAGE—December, 29, 1897, at Zion Baptist Church, by Rev. M. F. Sanford, Miss Clara F. Savage to Clarence J. Wessels.

GRAY-WATSON—December 29, 1897, at Onancock, by Rev. Henry S. Dulaney, Miss Ethel L. Watson to Charles S. Gray.

BUDD-DIX—December 29, 1897, at Zion Baptist Church, by Rev. M. F. Sanford, Miss Annie Dix to William T. Budd.

ELLIOTT-PARKS—December, 28th, 1897, at Zion Baptist Church, by Rev. M. F. Sanford, Miss Lena W. Parks to Rufus Elliott.

SAVAGE-BERRY—December 29th, 1897, at Onancock, by Rev. Henry S. Dulaney, Miss Mattie Berry to Joseph L. Savage.

JUSTIS—JUSTIS—December 26, 1897, at Hunting Creek, by Rev. Henry S. Dulaney, Miss Ella E. Justis to Reuj. W. Justis.

MEARS-MILLINER—December 29, 1897, near Accomack C. H., by Rev. J. K. Griffith, Miss Annie Milliner to Charles F. Mears.

TAYLOR-TAYLOR—December 26th, 1897, near Bloxom, by Rev. John R. Gill, Miss Florence A. Taylor to John W. Taylor.

Christmas Weddings.

NICOLLS-READ.

At 635, Fremont avenue, Baltimore, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ashby, at 3:30 p. m., on Wednesday, December 23d, Mr. W. H. Nicolls and Miss Nannie C. Read were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. J. C. Anderson, of the Central M. E. Church, South, officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the newly married couple took the Eastern Shore steamer for Harborton. On the following evening there was a reception at the home of the groom's father near Pungoteague. There were a large number of guests present to partake of the bounteous repast served in true Virginia style. There were many handsome and useful presents. The couple are deservedly popular. They will reside after January 3rd at the Nicolls farm, near Pungoteague. The writer joins their other well wishers for their happiness.

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TURNER-BENNETT.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. T. H. Bennett, near Harborton, on Wednesday, December 29th, the contracting parties being Miss Lizzie Bennett and Mr. Otto S. Turner, Rev. J. M. Dunnaway performed the ceremony. Miss Bennett is a sweet brunette, whose beauty was brilliantly set off by her navy blue broadcloth. She carried a lovely bunch of white Chrysanthemums.

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served. Every delicacy of the season, from the luscious bivalve to the king of the barnyard, from old fashioned Virginia mince pie to tropical fruits, were served bounteously to the guests. The presents were numerous and handsome, which testifies to the popularity of the newly wedded couple.

Outside of the immediate family, the guests were Miss Besie Huddley, Mr. Richard Daly, Mrs. A. J. Morse, Mr. J. W. Mason, Mr. G. C. Bonne well, Miss Annie E. Ashmead and Mr. Seward Custis.

GRAY-WILSON.

According to the announcement by cards, Mr. Chas. Solomon Gray and Miss Ethel L. Watson, accompanied by Miss Sadie Riley, as maid of honor and Geo. Revel Watson as best man, and Miss Maud Hurst and Spencer Watson, Miss Sallie Scarborough and E. E. Fitzgerald, Miss Maggie Keaton and Thomas Watson, Miss Fannie Lewis and Frank Gray, as waiters, and Messrs. George Johnson and Charles Johnson, ushers, and Miss Wilcox, organist, proceeded on December 29th, at 8 o'clock p. m., to the altar of the M. E. Church and were united in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. H. S. Dulaney performed the ceremony.

As the brilliant lights were thrown upon the handsomely costumed party with decorations in the back ground, it made a very pretty scene. The church was filled with spectators.

After the ceremony, the wedding party went to the home of Mr. H. O. Watson, the father of the bride, and were entertained. A fine supper was spread.

Many valuable gifts were received. Mr. Gray is an industrious and worthy young gentleman.

His chosen young bride, who is much admired by a large circle of friends, will be a modest and womanly companion.

May all of the days of their lives be as bright and full of promise as now.

BURTON-BRIMER

"Oak Grove," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi J. Brimer was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Thursday evening December 30th at eight o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss M. Ellen Brimer and Mr